

CLAIMS

1. A user interface for providing an entry point to processing a business activity, the user interface including a window on a computer screen comprising:

a first pane in the window for displaying one or more links to actions related to the business activity and for receiving a selection from a user of one of the one or more links, wherein one or more respective miniviews are associated with the one or more respective links, wherein each miniview displays structured and unstructured data corresponding to the respective link's actions; and

a second pane for displaying one of the one or more miniviews associated with the selected link.

2. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the content of at least one of the one or more miniviews is reporting information.

3. The user interface of claim 2, wherein the reporting information is displayed dynamically in the miniviews.

4. The user interface of claim 2, wherein the reporting information may be displayed in one of a pie chart, bar chart, and table.

5. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the content of at least one of the one or more miniviews is a link to an associated activity.

6. The user interface of claim 5, wherein the miniviews with the link to an associated activity is also for receiving a user selection of the link to the associated activity.

7. The user interface of claim 6, wherein the user interface initiates the associated activity upon receipt of the user selection of the link to the associated activity.

8. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the second pane comprises two or more miniviews.

9. The user interface of claim 8, wherein a first of the two or more miniviews displays reporting information and a second of the two or more miniviews displays one or more links to associated activities.

10. The user interface of claim 1, further comprising a third pane for displaying links to unstructured data.

11. The user interface of claim 1, further comprising a third pane for displaying links to one or more folders.

12. The user interface of claim 1, further comprising a third pane for receiving a search request from the user.

13. A method of providing an entry point to process a business activity, comprising:
displaying one or more links to actions related to the business activity;
receiving a selection from a user of one of the one or more links, wherein one or more respective miniviews are associated with the one or more respective links, wherein each miniview displays structured and unstructured data corresponding to the respective link's actions; and
displaying one of the one or more miniviews associated with the selected link.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the content of at least one of the one or more miniviews is reporting information.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising dynamically displaying the reporting information in the one or more miniviews.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the reporting information may be displayed in one of a pie chart, bar chart, and table.

17. The method of claim 13, further comprising linking to an associated activity the content of at least one of the one or more miniviews.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising receiving a user selection of the link to the associated activity.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising initiating the associated activity upon receipt of the user selection of the link to the associated activity.

20. The method of claim 13, further comprising displaying two or more miniviews.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein a first of the two or more miniviews displays reporting information and a second of the two or more miniviews displays one or more links to associated activities.

22. The method of claim 13, further comprising displaying links to unstructured data.

23. The method of claim 13, further comprising displaying links to one or more folders.

24. The method of claim 13, further comprising receiving a search request from the user.